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IN THE CLAIMS

Please reconsider the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method ~~for providing channel information windows~~, comprising:

generating, at a headend, ~~at least one bitmap for a broadcast video presentation and~~ at least one bitmap for a channel information window, ~~the broadcast video presentation being programming from one of a plurality of channels~~;

encoding, at the headend, a~~the bitmap for the~~ broadcast video presentation and the bitmap for the channel information window, the broadcast video presentation being programming from one of a plurality of channels;

transmitting, from the headend to a set top terminal, the bitmap for the~~a~~ broadcast video presentation and the bitmap for the channel information window;

receiving, at the set top terminal, a signal to activate the channel information window;

decoding, at the set top terminal, the bitmap for the broadcast video presentation and the bitmap for the channel information window; and

compositing, at the set top terminal, the bitmap for the channel information window and the bitmap for the broadcast video presentation to produce a video stream for a display so that the channel information window overlays and obscures at least a portion of the broadcast video presentation on the display.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the bitmap for the channel information window is performed via an out-of-band channel.

3-4.   (Cancelled).

5.   (Currently amended) A method ~~for navigating~~, comprising:

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generating, at a headend, ~~a plurality of broadcast video displays and~~ a plurality of bitmaps for each of a plurality of channel information windows, ~~the broadcast video displays including a particular broadcast video display, each broadcast video display being programming from one of a plurality of channels, the channel information windows including information about the channels~~;

encoding, at the headend, a plurality of ~~the~~ broadcast video displays and the channel information windows, the broadcast video displays including a particular broadcast video display, each broadcast video display being programming from one of a plurality of channels, the channel information windows including information about the channels;

transmitting, from the headend to the set top terminal, the broadcast video displays and the channel information windows;

decoding, at the set top terminal, the broadcast video displays and the channel information windows;

compositing, at the set top terminal, the particular broadcast video display and an associated one of the channel information windows to produce a video stream for a display so that the channel information window overlays and obscures at least a portion of the particular broadcast video display; and

changing, at the set top terminal, the channel information window in response to a navigation command in a mode, while the particular broadcast video display remains the same.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
changing the particular broadcast video display to a new broadcast video display, upon termination of the navigation command in that mode;
wherein changing the particular broadcast video display is accomplished by generating, encoding, and transmitting video packet streams at the headend.

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8.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the navigation command in that mode navigates only through favorite channels.

9.   (Currently amended) A method for providing channel information windows, comprising:

generating, at a headend, a broadcast video presentation and at least one bitmap for a channel information window, the broadcast video presentation being programming from one of a plurality of channels;

encoding, at the headend, the broadcast video presentation and the bitmap for the channel information window;

transmitting, from the headend to a terminal, the broadcast video presentation and the channel information window; and

sending, from the terminalheadend to the headendterminal, a signal to activate the channel information window;

wherein the bitmap for the channel information window is overlaid over the broadcast video presentation so that the channel information window obscures at least a portion of the broadcast video presentation.

10.   (Currently amended) A method for providing channel information windows, comprising:

receiving, at a terminal from a headend, a broadcast video presentation, the broadcast video presentation being programming from one of a plurality of channels;

receiving, at the terminal from the headend, a bitmap for a channel information window;

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receiving, at the terminal from the headend, a bitmap for the channel information window;

decoding, at the terminal, the broadcast video presentation and the channel information window; and

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compositing, at the terminal, the bitmap for the channel information window with the broadcast video presentation to produce a video stream for display so that the channel information window overlays and obscures at least a portion of the broadcast video presentation in the video stream.

11-12. (Cancelled)

13.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
requesting, by the set top terminal from the headend, the bitmap for the channel information in response to the signal to activate the channel information window.

14.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein the bitmap for the channel information window is broadcast continually and the set top terminal causes the channel information window to overlay the broadcast video presentation in response to the signal to activate the channel information window.

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